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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed May 23, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-12 and 17 as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A skin attachment member of plastic resin, comprising
a sheet-form backing, and
an array of skin penetrating elements extending integrally from the backing to a distal tip,
the skin penetrating elements being configured to penetrate into the epidermal skin layer and
sized to limit painful contact with nerves below the epidermal skin layer,
a plurality of the skin penetrating elements each including at least one retention barb
extending from an outer side surface of the skin penetrating element, the barb extending laterally
from a point spaced below said distal tip and configured to cooperate to resist removal of the
skin attachment member from skin. --

-- 2. (Amended) The skin attachment member of claim 1 wherein each skin penetrating
element comprises a cone-shaped body. --

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